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SUBJECT: EMBASSY NARCOTICS COMMITTEE (ENC)

REF: STATE 275326

A. THE EMBASSY NARCOTICS COMMITTEE (ENC), WHICH ESTABLISHES
OVERALL NARCOTICS POLICY OBJECTIVES, IS CHAIRED BY DCM ERNEST PREEG
WITH POLITICAL COUNSELOR AND NARCOTICS COORDINATOR LESLIE SCOTT AS
VICE CHAIRMAN. THE OTHER REGULAR MEMBERS ARE:

--TERRY WARD, POLITICAL OFFICER
--WILLIAM LOFSTROM, POLITICAL OFFICER
--WILLIAM WETHERINGTON, DEA REPRESENTATIVE, LIMA
--LT. COL. RAYMOND E. KAUFMAN, ASST. ARMY ATTACHE
--LARRY SMUCKER, USAID PROGRAM OFFICER
--LOU MACARY# USAID, PROGRAM OFFICER
--ALLEN HANSEN, USIS PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER
--JOHN COFFMAN, CHIEF OF CONSULAR SECTION
--JOHN JENNINGS, CONSULAR OFFICER
--RICHARD BARNES, AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE
--COL. ALBERT BERNAL, CHIEF OF MILITARY ASSISTANCE OFFICE

B. SINCE THE ARRIVAL OF THE INCUMBENT NARCOTICS COORDINATOR FIVE
MONTHS AGO, ONE MEETING OF THE ENC HAS BEEN HELD. IN ADDITION,
HOWEVER, TWO SUBCOMMITTEES OF THE ENC--ONE ON INTELLIGENCE AND
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A SECOND ON NARCOTICS CONTROL ASSISTANCE--HAVE BEEN FORMED. THE
INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE HAS MET THREE TIMES IN THE PAST 4 MONTHS
AND THE NARCOTICS ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE HAS MET TWICE IN THE PAST
TWO MONTHS. THE EMBASSY FIND THAT THE FULL, ENC, WHILE PERHAPS
USEFUL IN SETTING OVERALL NARCOTICS OBJECTIVES, IS UNNECESSARILY
LARGE FOR OPERATIONAL COORDINATOR AND BELIEVES THAT THE SMALLER
SPECIALIZED COMMITTEES ARE A BETTER MECHANISM FOR THIS PURPOSE.

THE NARCOTIS ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE, FOR INSTANCE, WILL BE
ESPECIALLY USEFUL AS THE EMBASSY ASSUMES RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE
NARCOTICS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IN PERU WHICH MAY INCREASE
SIGNIFICANTLY IN THE NEXT YEAR. IN SUM, THE SUBCOMMITTEES HAVE
PROVED AN EFFECTIVE MEANS TO DEVELOP AND FOCUS NARCOTICS
ACTIVITIES AND TO PROMOTE INCREASED COOPERATION BETWEEN THE
EMBASSY AND VARIOUS ELEMENTS OF THE PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT CONCERNED
WITH NARCOTICS MATTERS.
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